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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/525,675	DEAN, DAVID M.	
	Examiner Ling-Siu Choi	Art Unit 1713	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is a 371 of PCT/US03/34735, filed 10/29/2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/421,946, filed 10/29/2002.

Claim Analysis

2. Summary of claim 1:

A fluorine-containing ethylene copolymer composition comprising:
the product of the reaction between

	an ethylene/glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer
	a fluorine-containing carboxylic acid

Summary of claim 2:

A fluorine-containing ethylene copolymer composition comprising:
the product of the reaction between

	an ethylene/glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer
	a perfluorinated carboxylic acid

wherein the copolymer absorbs light in the region of from
about 1750 cm⁻¹ to about 1800 cm⁻¹ of the infra red absorption spectrum

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-2, 5-6, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeRosa et al. (US 5,141,661).

DeRosa et al. disclose an ethylene/α-olefin polymers grafted with perfluoro-substituted, ethylenically-unsaturated epoxides and then reacted with perfluoro-substituted nucleophiles, which is obtained by the steps comprising reacting (a) ethylene/α-olefin polymer with (b) perfluoro-substituted, ethylenically-unsaturated epoxide to form an epoxy-containing, perfluoro-grafted polymer; and further reacting with (c) perfluoro-substituted nucleophile which reacts with the pendant epoxy group on the graft polymer to form additionally perfluoro-substituted, graft polymer; wherein the proportions of epoxide and nucleophile to polymer generally range from about 0.1 to about 10 weight percent (abstract; claim 1). DeRosa et al. further disclose that the epoxide can be perfluoroglycidyl (meth)acrylates and other perfluoro-substituted, ethylenically-unsaturated epoxides; the perfluoro-substituted nucleophile is represented by the general formula of $F_3C-[OCF_2]_m-CF_2]_n-(CH_2)_p-Z$ wherein n is greater than 1; m is 0 or 1; p is from 0 to about 10; Z is preferably hydroxy, phosphate, carboxylic acid or thiocarboxylate. (col. 4, lines 16-49). DeRosa et al. furthermore disclose that the

resulting graft polymer can be used as a lubricant additive (claim 1). In view of the composition is substantial identical to one of the present claims, the composition would possess the claimed property in light absorbance. Thus, the present claims are anticipated by the disclosure of DeRosa et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chou (WO 02/072648 A2) in view of DeRosa et al. (US 5,141,661).

Chou discloses a fluorine containing ethylene copolymer obtained by the copolymerization of ethylene, fluorine-containing comonomer, and glycidyl methacrylate (claims 1, 2, and 8). Chou further disclose a melt-processable ethylenecopolymer blend comprising (A) the fluorine containing ethylene copolymer and a second thermoplastic polymer which can be polyethylene or polypropylene (claims 22-26). Chou furthermore disclose that the copolymer can be used in making film; and woven or non-woven fiber (page 11, lines 6-8). It is noted that the fluorine containing

ethylene copolymer have a great influence on the surface energy or contact angle due to the presence of fluorine.

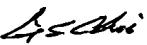
The difference between the present claims and the disclosure of Chou is the requirement of a copolymer obtained by reacting with the specific fluorine-containing carboxylic acid in the present claims.

The disclosure of DeRosa et al. is adequately set forth in paragraph 4 and is incorporated herein by reference. DeRosa et al. also disclose that the perfluoro-substituted nucleophile is represented by the general formula of $F_3C-[OCF_2]_m-CF_2]_n-(CH_2)_p-Z$ wherein n is greater than 1; m is 0 or 1; p is from 0 to about 10; Z is preferably hydroxy, phosphate, carboxylic acid or thiocarboxylate. (col. 4, lines 16-49). It is noted that the perfluoro-substituted nucleophile reacts with glycidyl methacrylate to form a grafted polymer. DeRosa et al. further disclose that the resulting grafted polymer can be used as a lubricant additive [*motivation*](claim 1). Thus, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further react the ethylene copolymer with the perfluoro-substituted nucleophile and thereby obtain the present claims.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ling-Siu Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-1098.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reach on 571-272-1114.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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